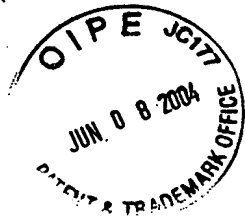


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Application No. : 10/644,059 Confirmation No. : 4359
Applicant : Rainer STAHL, et al.
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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

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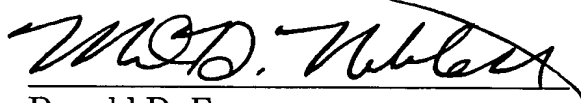
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 14, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect the species A upon which Claims 1-9 are readable. In the event that one or more generic claims are found allowable, however, applicants request inclusion of the remaining claims directed to the provisionally non-elected species.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #02898752514US).

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